MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Thorpland Survey No.: P.G.:79-1 (PACS A173)

Property Address 14501 Town Farm Road, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County

Owner Name/Address Robert and Norma Kunowsky / 14511 Town Farm Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Year Built circa 1850, remodeled circa 1950

Description:

Thorpland was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1974 and the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1985. The house remains in the same condition as described in the prior survey form. Not mentioned in the form is a 3-bay garage located west of the house. The garage has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The structure is of wood-frame construction on a concrete foundation and is covered with vinyl siding. Since the prior survey, the acreage of the property has been reduced from 73 hectares (180.48 acres) to .4 hectares (1 acre). A new road has been constructed around the house and a subdivision appears to be under construction on the surrounding land.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1850 and remodeled circa 1950, Thorpland is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as its architectural integrity has been compromised by additions and remodeling. The original kitchen wing on the south side of the house was removed in 1951 and replaced with a modern addition which was matched with a similar wing on the north side. All of the chimneys and fireplaces were removed and the rooms reconfigured. In addition, the setting has been drastically altered by the recent reduction of acreage and subdivision of historically associated lands. The landscape of the property is no longer representative of its agricultural heritage. Based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

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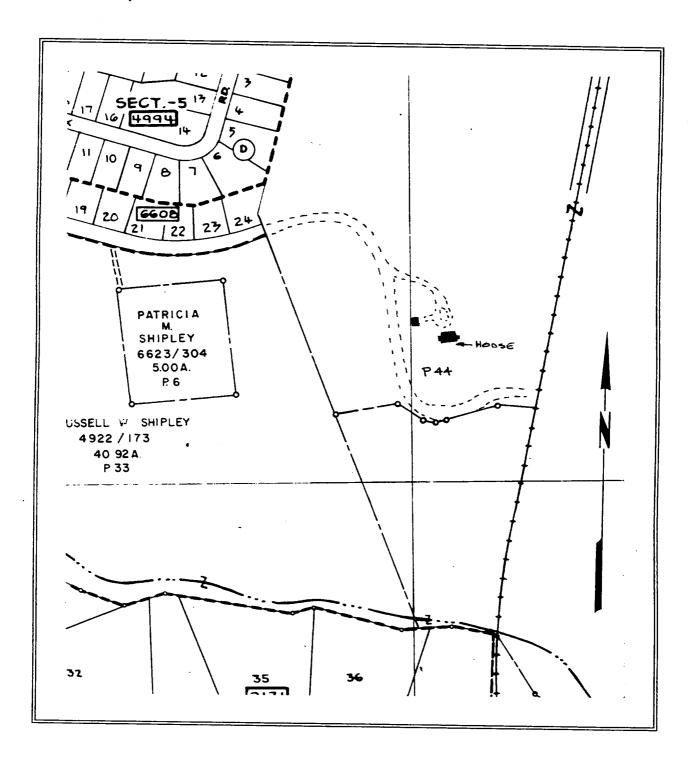
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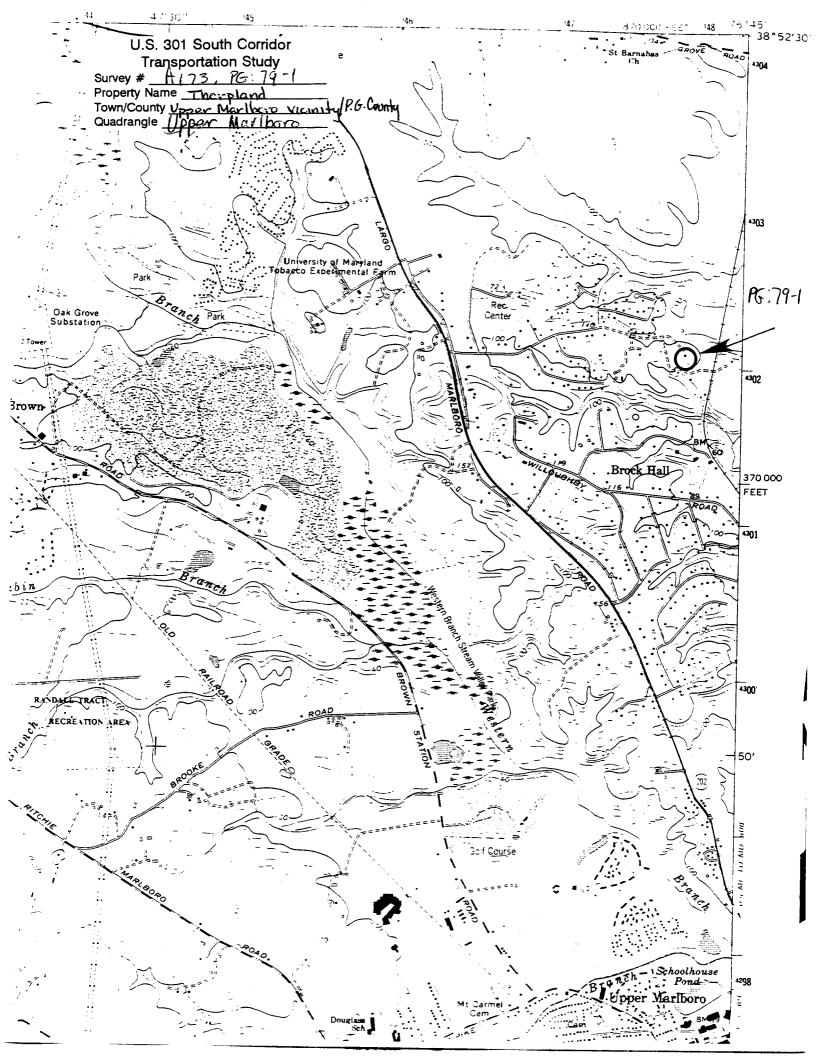
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Resource Sketch Map:



Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996













PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.0	G. #79-1	Building Date:	1850's
Building Name:	Bowie-Johnson House (Thor	rpland)	
Location: 145	501 Town Farm Road, Upper Ma	arlboro, Maryland	

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/InAccessible

Description:

The Bowie-Johnson house (Thorpland) stands on a high knoll west of the Collington Branch of the Patuxent River. The land falls eastward from the house towards the Branch in a series of formal terraces, now ornamented with concrete fountain structures. The house at Thorpland is a large three-part frame gable-roofed dwelling, with a two-and one-half-story central block, and two-story flanking wings. The central block (ca. 42 x 32 feet) has a five-bay main west facade; entrance is in the central bay through a door with three-pane sidelights and a louvered fan. Across the west facade is a two-story (modern) columned portico; the columns are plain and square in section. Windows are 6/6 and have shutters on the west facade. The foundations are brick and enclose a full basement, in the ceiling of which a few of the hand-hewn pegged beams are still in evidence. There is one interior brick chimney at the north gable end at the ridge. There are two modern flanking wings.

Significance:

The Bowie-Johnson house is an outstanding visual landmark, a symbol of the large plantations operated by generations of prominent county families. It stands on a tract called Thorpland which had been the property of the Bowie family from early in the eighteenth century. The main block of the house was built in the mid-1850's for Sarah Maria Bowie, widow of Charles Bowie, who had lived in an earlier house on Thorpland. The Thorpland farm passed down to the next generation, Eliza Bowie McCeney, in 1889, and from then to two more generations of McCeneys. In 1951, the house with 190 acres was sold to Calvin D. Johnson, former Congressman from Illinois. By this time all chimneys in the house had already been removed or replaced and Johnson continued the process by renovating and modernizing the interior of the main block. He also replaced the old (south) kitchen wing with the present one, and built a balancing two-story wing on the north. The terraces on the east were maintained, keeping an impressive vista down towards the railroad track and the Collington Branch. Because of the new construction and renovation since 1951, very little of the original fabric of the building survives. Its setting, however, is indeed historic, and in spite of a modern subdivision adjoining on the west, retains much of the appearance and atmosphere of a nineteenth century plantation.

Acreage: ca. 180 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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The south wing (19 \times 26 feet) is two bays long and rests on a high concrete foundation in the location of the original kitchen wing. The larger (25 x 26 foot) north wing is also two bays long, and rests on a high concrete foundation. Neither wing has a basement. The roof of the entire house is covered with new synthetic shingle. There are presently no shutters on the east (rear) facade.

The original house consisted of the present central block, with a low two-story, two-bay kitchen wing attached at its south gable end. The main block had two interior chimneys at each gable end, and its plan was central stairhall with flanking double parlors. The kitchen wing had a large fireplace filling the entire south gable end wall. All chimneys, and the nine fireplaces which they served, were removed in the 1930's. After his acquisition of the property in 1951, the present owner removed the partition wall between the two north parlors and constructed a large stone mantel in the newly-created large north parlor. Some of the original random width floorboards remain, and the staircase, with turned balusters and newel post, remains intact, but the rest of the interior has been completely modernized. The present owner tore down the old kitchen wing and replaced it with the present two-story two-bay south kitchen wing. The north wing (a recreation room/bar with small bedrooms above) was built new.

The house stands in a prominent location on 180 acres of farmland. A subdivision of new houses has been built along the road to the west, and at the foot of the terraces (ca. 800 feet east of the house) runs the Pope's Creek Line of the Conrail railroad (built in 1870). Immediately east of the railroad track are the remains of the old Bowie graveyard.

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Notes

8. Significance

P.G. County Will PC #1:390; interview with members of McCeney family, December 1984.

P.G. County Deeds HG #8:248; JWB #13:727; #37:81; #896:142; #1442:461.

³ Telephone interview with Benjamin B. McCeney, Sr., December 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #79-1

Cf. Chain of Title Cf. Notes to Item #8

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Shaw House 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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Chain of Title

Bowie-Johnson House P.G. #79-1

5408:182 22 May 1981 Deed	Robert Y. Clagett, Trustee, and Calvin D. Johnson, Dean Francis Johnson, Margaret Elizabeth Sublette, Carl David Johnson, and Calvin P. Johnson to Calvin D. Johnson as a life estate; 180.484 acres (total assessed for tax purposes), from Gladys McConnell Johnson estate (wife d. 2/18/69).	
5408:178 22 May 1981 Deed	Calvin D. Johnson, surviving tenant by entirety of Gladys McConnell Johnson, to Robert Y. Clagett, Trustee; 190 acres except graveyard, same property conveyed to Johnson and wife by #1442:461.	
1442:461 30 Nov 1951 Deed	Benjamin Bird McCeney and with Marian White McCeney and Edgar S. McCeney, Emily L. McCeney, Edgar S. McCeney, Jr., and Annie B. McCeney to Calvin D. Johnson and Gladys McConnell Johnson; 190 acres, same land conveyed to McCeney by #896:142.	
896:142 30 Dec 1946 Deed	G. Bowie McCeney to Benjamin Bird McCeney and Marian White McCeney; 190 acres except graveyard, conveyed to G. B. McCeney by #533:59.	
533:59 24 March 1939 Deed	Margaret S. McCeney to G. Bowie McCeney; 190 acres except graveyard, same land conveyed to George P. McCeney by #276:451.	
276:45] 13 Aug 1926 Deed	Rachel Weems to George P. McCeney; 190 acres, same land acquired by Weems by #101:460.	
101:460 21 May 1915 Deed	Mark Jackson and Bertha M. Mather to Rachel Weems; 190 acres, deeded to Jackson and with assent of Mather by #88:283.	
88:283 14 May 1913 Deed	R. Bennett Darnall and Frances H. Darnall to Mark Jackson; 190 acres, same land deeded to R. Bennett Darnall, et al., by #87:280.	

87:280 25 Dec 1913 Deed

P. Bennett Ford and Mary Wise Ford to R. Bennett Darnall; 190 acres (Thorpland), same land conveyed to Ford and Darnall by #66:173. Also noted was BDS #37:81.

66:173 21 July 1910 Deed George P. McCeney and Margaret S. McCeney and Edgar S. McCeney and Emily L. McCeney to P. Bennett Ford and R. Bennett Darnall; 190 acres (Thorpland), same land conveyed to Edgar P. McCeney by JWB #13:727.

BDS 37:81 1 Nov 1906 Deed Eliza Coombs McCeney to Edgar S. McCeney and George P. McCeney, sons; 190 acres (Thorpland), same land conveyed to Edgar P. McCeney by JWB #13:727.

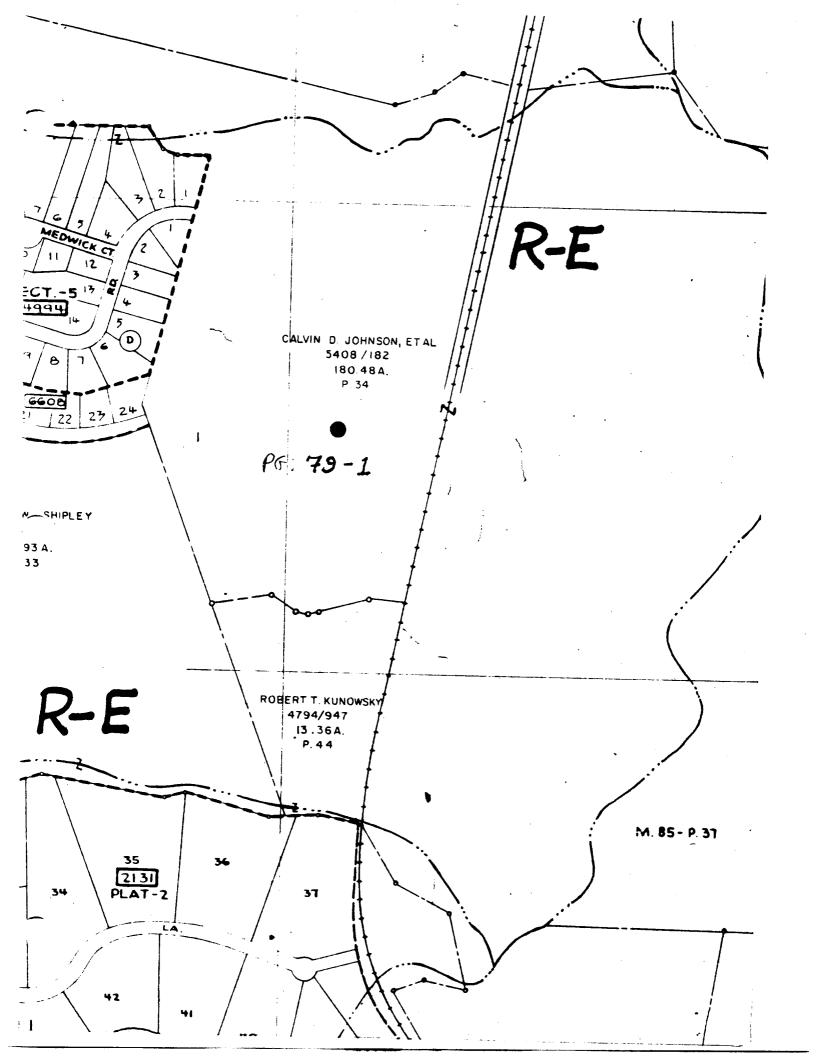
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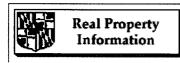
John W. Bowie (residing on property) to Edgar P. McCeney; 190 acres, same land conveyed to Bowie by HB #8:248.

HB #8:248 13 Jan 1874 Deed

Sarah Maria Bowie surrenders life estate to John William Bowie; Lot No. 2, 190 acres of Thorpland, same land acquired by Sarah Maria Bowie through will of Charles Bowie, her husband.

PC #1:390 6 June 1849 Will Testator, Charles Bowie; to wife, Sarah Maria, life estate in plantation where testator now resides, east of road from Upper Marlboro to Samuel L. Brooke; after her death, to son John W. Bowie and daughter Eliza Coombs Bowie, divided equally.





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PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

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DISTRICT: 03 ACCT NO: 2839918 **Owner Information**

Owner Name:

BRASHEARS, GUY L & DEBORAH A

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Mailing Address:

2302 MANOR GATE TER

Principal Residence: YES

UPPER MARLBORO MD 20772

Transferred

From: KILBY, CHARLES K & LENORE T

Date: 09/28/1994

Price: \$0

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Plat Ref:

Tax Exempt: NO

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Year Built:

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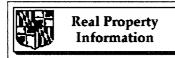
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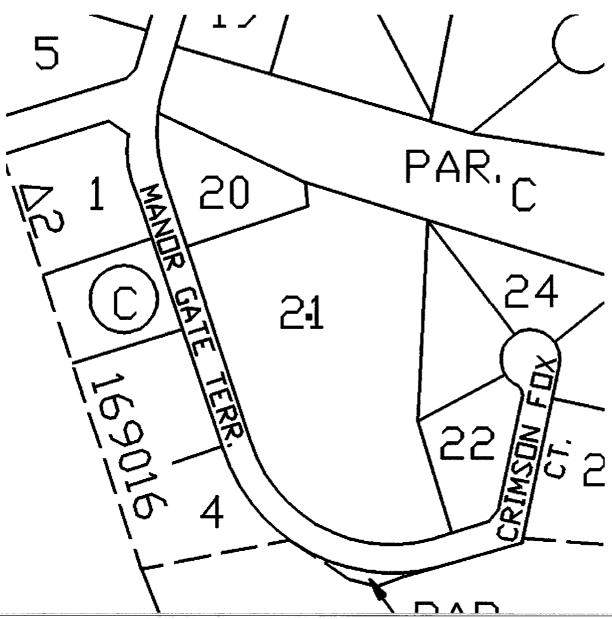


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Bowie-Johnson House

Susan G. Pearl December 1984 East elevation

Prince George's County, MD

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Bowie-Johnson House Prince George's County, MD Susan G. Pearl December 1984 West elevation Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD